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SUBJECT: IM-3, G/SI Request for Armed Services Strength Data on
Selective Powers

1. Requested data for the Armies and Air Forces of Australia,
New Zealand and China are as follows:

a. Army.

TYPE UNIT	DIVISIONS AVAILABLE		
	Australia	New Zealand	Chinese (National Gov.)
Infantry Division	1/3 (1)*	0	172 (2)*
Armored Division	0	0	0 (3)*
Airborne Division	0	0	0 (4)*
Special (Motorized, mountain, etc.)	0	0	0

Foot Notes*

- (1)* Australia has no divisional organization. The largest tactical unit is its single brigade.
- (2)* Chinese divisions vary widely in strength equipment and tactical efficiency. Strength ranges from less than 5,000 to over 15,000 per division.
- (3)* The 3 tank regiments in the Chinese Army are weak in tanks and ineffective as an armored unit.
- (4)* The single Chinese parachute regiment has never been tactically employed as such, having been used as an elite guard unit, and therefore is excluded from this tabulation.

b. Air Force.

TYPE UNIT	SQUADRONS AVAILABLE					
	Australia		New Zealand		Chinese (Nat. Gov.)	
	Nbr.	Average	Nbr.	Average	Nbr.	Average
	Sq.	Actual	Sq.	Actual	Sq.	Actual
		Strength		Strength		Strength
Day fighter squadron	3 (1)*	27	1	21	12	15
All-weather fighter squadron	0	-	0	-	0	-
Tactical Reconnaissance	1	9	0	-	0	-
Long range Reconnaissance	2	8	1	6	1	17
Heavy Bomber (2)*	0	-	0	-	0	-
Medium Bomber (2)*	3	12 (3)*	0	-	0	-
Light Bomber (2)*	0	-	1	5	6	9
Transport	2	12	1	11	8	19

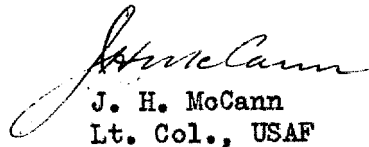
Foot Notes*

- (1)* 3 Australian Fighter Squadrons stationed in Japan.

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3. The information tabulated in Paragraph 1 above, has been brought to the attention of China and SEA Divisions of B/FE (Lt. Col. Perrine and Mr. Millegan).


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Foot Notes*

- (2)* Classification follows current US criteria, i.e. Heavy: B-36, Medium: B-29, Light: B-17 and smaller.
- (3)* Australian Medium Bomber Squadrons comprise 9 Lincoln aircraft (Medium), 3 Liberators (Light) each.

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